

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are presented for examination. Claims 1-20 and 25-27 are rejected. Claims 1-6, 11-16, 21-27 have been canceled. The response amends claims 7, 17. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated June 12, 2008, are respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action dated October 31, 2007, the Examiner objected to claims 7-10, 17-20 as allowable subject matter depending from rejected base claims. Only the 101 rejection, which has been addressed, was used to reject the claims in the current Office Action. Claim 7 has been amended to include the language of all claims on which claim 7 depends and claim 17 has been amended to include the language of all claims on which claim 17 depends. Claims 8-10, 18-20 depend respectively from claims 7, 17. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in a condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1 – 20 and 25 – 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. The claims have been amended to implement in hardware a method and a computer usable storage medium. Since this is disclosed in the specification and is in any case very well understood, no new matter has been added.

Claims 1 – 6, 11 – 16 and 25 – 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Kirani et al. (U.S. Pat. Pub. No. 2002/0016818). The applicants have canceled claims 1-6, 11-16, and 25-27 without prejudice, reserving the right to reintroduce the claims in a continuation, if desired.

Claims 25 – 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cho (U.S. Pat. No. 5,978,452). The applicants have canceled claims 25-27 without prejudice, reserving the right to reintroduce the claims in a continuation, if desired.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2207, under Order No. 66956-8003.US01 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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